



The Kentucky Historical Society has completed the 2021 National History Day in Kentucky (NHDKy) contest season with our State Contest! The contest drew 79 students from 20 schools and engaged the talents of 24 volunteer judges.

National History Day in Kentucky is like a traditional science fair, but with projects related to an annual history theme. The 2021 theme was “Communication in History: The Key to Understanding.” Students work individually or within small groups to develop a project in the format of their choice: exhibits, documentaries, websites, performances, or papers. Volunteer judges, recruited from museums, universities, teachers, and the local community, evaluate the projects for qualities such as historical accuracy, sources used, multiple perspectives analyzed, and relevance to the annual theme. At each of this year’s 3 virtual regional contests, the top 1/3 of projects in each category advanced to the NHDKy State Contest. Now, the top two junior and senior projects in each category advances to the National Contest, which will be held virtually in early June.

Winners of the NHDKy State Contest were announced at a virtual ceremony on April 28.

The NHDKy team at the Kentucky Historical Society would like to send our heartfelt appreciation to everyone who participated in the program during these challenging times. Thank you for helping make the NHDKy program possible for students in 2021!

To find out more or to become involved in this program visit: www.nhd.org or <https://history.ky.gov/for-educators/national-history-day/>.

Teacher Awards

Outstanding Elementary Teacher of the Year Award

Billy Spalding, Saint Francis School, Louisville

2021 Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year, Junior Division Award

Amanda Smith, New Covenant Christian Academy, Hardin

2021 Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year, Senior Division Award

Ashley Adkins, Paducah Tilghman High School, Paducah

Special Awards

Outstanding Early American History Award, sponsored by the Sons of the American Revolution

Tristan Isham, Elementary Individual Performance, *The Boston Tea Party: Communication Through a Tea Party*, Lebanon Junction Elementary School

Outstanding Military or Veteran's Affairs History Award, sponsored by Elks Lodge #530

Ethan Riordan, Junior Individual Exhibit, *U-2 Spy Plane: Communicating Intelligence Through Aerial Imaging*, Saint Nicholas Academy

Outstanding Kentucky History Award, sponsored by the Kentucky Museum and Heritage Alliance

Marli Hacker and Kaelyn Miracle, Junior Group Performance *Communicating Through Books: How the Pack-Horse Librarians Brought the World to Appalachia*, Page School Center

Outstanding Political History Award, sponsored by the Office of the Secretary of State

Elena Adkins, Azlyn Goodyke and Liam Black, Senior Group Documentary, *"All Governments Lie...That's a Pretty Good Rule:" The Communication of Daniel Ellsberg and the Pentagon Papers*, Paducah Tilghman High School

Outstanding Civil War or United States Patriotism History Award, sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Foster Banks, Junior Individual Documentary, *The Code of All Codes*, Battle of Richmond Association

Outstanding Kentucky History Award, sponsored by the Frazier History Museum

Caroline Adkins, Junior Individual Website, *Speaking Through Stitches: How Quits Have Communicated Through History*, Paducah Middle School

Category Awards

Elementary Individual Documentary

1. Emma Kliewer, *Communicating with Newspapers: The Seneca Falls 1848 Convention*, Lebanon Junction Elementary School

Elementary Individual Exhibit

1. Macy Hoback, *Louis Braille: Communication Through Dots*, Mt. Washington Elementary School
2. Brinley Pataluna, *Louis Braille Communication Through Fingers*, Mt. Washington Elementary School
3. Nicholas Garvin, *Communicating Through Music: Changing the Heart of the Nation*, Crossroads Elementary School

Elementary Group Exhibit

1. Lydia Gabbert and Darcy Ryle, *Braille: Communication Through Your Fingertips*, Cedar Grove Elementary School

Elementary Paper

1. Jack Norris, *Socialization and Herding in Dinosauria*, Saint Francis School

Elementary Individual Performance

1. Tristan Isham, *The Boston Tea Party: Communication Through a Tea Party*, Lebanon Junction Elementary School
2. Jacob Goins, *Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood: Communication to the Young that Affect the Future*, Crossroads Elementary School

Elementary Individual Website

1. Micah Taylor, *Mary Beth Tinker: Communication Through Silence*, Crossroads Elementary School
2. Kinnley Murphy, *Navajo Code Talkers*, Crossroads Elementary School
3. Dezirai Martinho, *Communication Through Speeches: I Have a Dream by Martin Luther King Jr.*, Crossroads Elementary School

Junior Individual Documentary

1. Foster Banks, *The Code of All Codes*, Battle of Richmond Association
2. Samuel Palenzuela, *America's Breakdown in Communication Leads Cuba Towards Communism*, Mahaffey Middle School
3. Connor Morgan-Peterson, *Rock N' Rollercoaster: A Headbanger's Journey*, Dayton High School

Junior Individual Exhibit

1. Rex Gay, *The United States and the America: An Avoidable Tragedy on the Ohio River*, Paducah Middle School
2. Avery Heffernan, *Navajo Code Talkers*, Saint Nicholas Academy
3. Levi Riordan, *French Resistance: Communication During WWII*, Saint Nicholas Academy

Junior Group Exhibit

1. Halle Allred and Evie Schroeder, *William Tyndale: Father of the English Bible*, New Covenant Academy
2. Leda Beale and Lilly Paradis, *Going Viral: Communication During a Pandemic*, Saint Francis School
3. Trinity Ward and Tristen Ward, *Navajo Code Talkers*, Saint Nicholas Academy

Junior Paper

1. Alyssa Schuler, *American Sign Language: A Brief History and the Debate Between Oralists and Manualists*, Bernheim Middle School
2. Myna Nguyen, *The Olympic Legacy of Tommie Smith and John Carols*, Saint Nicholas Academy
3. Zara Farber, *The Uprising of 20,000 and how it changed communication*, Saint Francis School

Junior Individual Performance

1. Isabella Palenzuela, *Tragic Communication Errors that Led to the Bombing of Pearl Harbor*, Mahaffey Middle School
2. Kennedy Julian, *Communicating thru movement*, Saint Francis School

Junior Group Performance

1. Marli Hacker and Kaelyn Miracle, *Communicating Through Books: How the Pack-Horse Librarians Brought the World to Appalachia*, Page School Center
2. Ava Blackledge, Caroline Carlisle, Mia Carver, and Alexandria Lytle, *Ruth Bader Ginsburg Performance Group*, Rowan County Middle School

Junior Individual Website

1. Caroline Adkins, *Speaking Through Stitches: How Quits Have Communicated Through History*, Paducah Middle School
2. Grace Clark, *Rosa Parks and the Emerging Power of Black Newspapers*, Bullitt Lick Middle School
3. Monica Tanner, *FDR's Fireside Chats*, Saint Nicholas Academy

Junior Group Website

1. Solomon Joseph and George Zheng, *Communication in History The Key To Understanding: The 16th Street Baptist Church Bombing, Birmingham Alabama*, Saint Nicholas Academy
2. Hailey Hardin and Riley Judd, *The Key to Understanding: Deaf President Now*, Saint Nicholas Academy

Senior Group Documentary

1. Elena Adkins, Azlyn Goodyke and Liam Black, *"All Governments Lie...That's a Pretty Good Rule:" The Communication of Daniel Ellsberg and the Pentagon Papers*, Paducah Tilghman High School

Senior Paper

1. Sarah Woosley, *Communicating with Photographs: Photojournalism During the Great Depression*, Academy of Individual Excellence
2. Shayleigh Smith, *Refusing to Communicate: Alexander Graham Bell's Impact on the Deaf Community*, Academy of Individual Excellence
3. Kayla Grattan, *Freedom March of 63: Communicating the Demand for a Civil Rights Bill*, Academy of Individual Excellence

Senior Individual Performance

1. Katie Bidwell, *Communicating Creatively: How Annie Sullivan Worked to Eradicate Communication Barriers*, Paducah Tilghman High School
2. Ty Buck, *Communication and the Cold War: How Possible Nuclear War was De-escalated*, Sayre School

Senior Individual Website

1. Julianna Clayton, *International Auxiliary Language: Neutral and Inclusive Language*, Larry A. Ryle High School